

## TRIPLE GAS TRAGEDY STIRS UP OFFICIALS

Chemists Test Supply to  
Prove Poor Combustion  
Cause of Deaths.

Before the three victims of the Bremerman tragedy, that has shocked the city, are laid away quietly in the Oak Hill Cemetery tomorrow afternoon, expert Government chemists will have begun the testing of gas furnished Washingtonians, in order that there may be no question as to whether or not poor combustion was solely responsible for the swift and terrible death that has wiped out a family and left Clarence L. Bremerman bereft of mother, wife, and child.

While it is regarded as probable that the theory advanced yesterday that poor combustion of gas, creating deadly carbon monoxide, was the prime and possibly the only factor in the tragedy at the little flat at 2309 First street northwest, Coroner Nevitt is desirous that there may be no possible angle overlooked, and he has asked the experts from the Bureau of Chemistry to continue investigations.

### Coroner Ready.

In order that he may be in readiness for any contingency, Coroner Nevitt will summon a jury tomorrow morning so that in case the experts do find anything which requires an inquest, he may be ready to proceed.

Under the laws of the District, the jury must be sworn in over the body of the person upon the cause of whose death it must bring a verdict, and since the funeral is to be held in the afternoon, and the experts may not get to work before that time, the jury will be sworn and will then await developments.

The experts, Coroner Nevitt said last night, will make an analysis of the gas furnished in Washington, will subject it to all the tests that are possible at a well-equipped Government laboratory, and will then report to him.

### Probes Deeply.

"I think that poor combustion of the gas in the water heater was responsible for the tragedy," said the Coroner last night. "But since there is really so much interest in such a case all over the country, and since it is desirable that this case be thoroughly sifted, I have asked the Department of Agriculture to go to the bottom in its investigation."

"I will swear in the jury tomorrow morning, in compliance with the District law. I do not suppose that an inquest will be necessary, but if it is, the proper forms will have been complied with and we can go ahead immediately."

The bodies of Mrs. Helen K. Bremerman, Mrs. Hebe Cutts Bremerman, her daughter-in-law, and the latter's son, Cutts Bremerman, will be buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Rev. E. E. Marshall, of the North Capitol Methodist Episcopal Church, will conduct services at the chapel in

## GLITTERING MINING BUBBLE IS PRICKED

Postoffice Inspector Raids New York Offices of George  
W. Emanuel & Co., and Arrests Three Al-  
leged Swindlers.

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Back to his wife. He maintained headquarters in the offices of George W. Emanuel & Co., but Labaree recently moved from there to the offices of the Quibdo Gold Dredging Company.

### Another Company Is Questioned.

This intimate connection of the former conferee of Prince with the Quibdo company has also caused the Postoffice Department to demand an accounting from that concern. Its officers are John A. Drake, president; J. B. Elwell, vice president, and A. R. Manice, treasurer.

Drake, who is now abroad, is well known as the brother-in-law of Theodore P. Shonta, business associate of John W. Gates, and one of the prominent turnfurn of the country. Elwell is the well known authority on bridge whist and a teacher of prominent New York society women. Manice is of the firm of E. A. Manice & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange. R. S. Pray, the Boston capitalist, and Henry G. Granger, the engineer, are also prominent names in the directorate.

The Mexican Mutual Trust Company is entrenched behind well known names, but whether they are those of deceptions or participants in the fraud has not been revealed.

The president is Gen. De la Paz Alvarez, of the Mexican army. The vice president is Juan Antiga, and the secretary, Lic. Leonardo Maldonado, prominent Mexican attorneys.

### Raid Was Carefully Planned.

The raid of today was most carefully planned, and was the climax of an investigation extending over a year. A special trip to Mexico was made by Inspector Frank M. Hamilton to investigate the claims of the Mexican Mutual Trust Company as to its holdings.

Today a long cipher dispatch was received from Inspector Hamilton by the cemetery tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, preceding the interment.

### Striking Evidence.

At the autopsy performed upon the body of the younger of the two women, Mrs. Hebe Cutts Bremerman, the evidence was strikingly like that displayed in text-books which exhibit cases of suffocation by carbon monoxide.

The lungs were a pink color, as were the lips and the edges of the eyes. In carbon monoxide suffocation, according to the books on the subject, the blood turns to a cherry red color. This change was very noticeable in the autopsy of yesterday.

Prof. John K. Haywood, of the Department of Agriculture, said yesterday that there is no doubt in his mind that suffocation from carbon monoxide caused the deaths of the Bremermans.

Chief Inspector Mayer, and the word was given by Assistant United States District Attorney Dorr to go ahead. The arrests followed.

Hundreds of checks and thousands of letters from customers were found in the offices of the concern. The books of the company, however, showing the list of those believed to be swindled were in a heavy steel safe, the keys of which the prisoners declared could not be found.

The fraud perpetrated by the Mutual Trust Company of Mexico in their plan of operation was one of the most daring ever conceived.

In the first place, there are no trust companies in Mexico under the law. In the second place, they took for the name of their property that of the well-known Mexican mine, the "Dos Estrellas," but for their purpose moved it, on paper, from one portion of the country to another.

In the third place, a person by the name of Lorenzo B. Speyer, doing a banking business of a shady character in Mexico was "discovered" by the promoters, and their glowing prospectuses, trading upon this name, gave the impression that the well-known banking concern of Speyer & Co., New York, was behind the enterprise.

### Splendid Offices Are Maintained.

The amount of money received in lieu of the gold embossed certificates was sufficient at least to maintain splendid offices in the Howard building, on Fifth avenue, and to allow an unlimited "drawing account" to Prince, who only appeared in the management as an employee. However, it was learned on good authority that Prince was the index finger of the hand that moved the destinies of the firm.

The bait of the Mutual Trust Company of Mexico was seductive. A guarantee of 24 per cent for five years was offered and after that the lucky holder of the stock was to receive 40 per cent on his investment.

The generous and charitable promoters of the concern hinted at further gifts of 10 and 15 per cent dividends, bringing the returns on money invested up to 40 and 55 per cent per annum. All this wealth was to be dug out of lost mines once worked for fabulous sums by the Aztecs and early Spanish explorers. So far excellent. The prospectuses rolled in a stream, the greedy investors sent their subscriptions in by telegraph and special delivery. The dividends were paid and the additional gifts materialized in several cases.

The breaking point of the enterprising Mutual Trust Company came when it was discovered that the bonanza which was paying such fabulous returns consisted of a hole in the ground about fifty feet long and worked by two men. The "pay gravel" which was of such marvellous quality was all on the dump and of the fifty tons excavated not one ounce had ever been shipped.

## COLONIAL DAMES IN FIRST SESSION

Alexandria Circle Elects Of-  
ficers for Year and Is  
Entertained.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., NOV. 1.—The first meeting this season of the Alexandria Circle of Colonial Dames was held yesterday evening at the home of Mrs. J. Stewart Jamieson, in South Columbus street. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mrs. Stewart Jamieson; secretary, Mrs. William J. Boothe, Jr.

After the meeting the members of the circle were entertained by Mrs. Jamieson. Among those who assisted the hostesses were Mrs. William B. Smoot, Mrs. William J. Boothe, Jr., Mrs. Louis Greene, Mrs. G. L. Boothe, and Mrs. Laurence Stabler.

Mrs. Margaret Wright, widow of George Wright, died at her home, 1112 Duke street, today. Mrs. Wright was seventy-four years of age. Her remains will be sent to Nokesville tomorrow for burial.

An infant daughter of P. F. and Lena Gorman died at her parents' home, in Cameron street, between Patrick and Henry streets, this morning. Her funeral will be held Monday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Virginia G. Walker will be held from the home of J. T. Walker, 1010 Queen street, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Charles D. Bulla, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will conduct the funeral services, and the burial will be made in Union Cemetery.

Capt. R. F. Knox, auctioneer, today sold a house and lot on the east side of Henry street, near Cameron street, to J. C. Perkins for \$250. The house was sold for T. J. Fannon and J. K. M. Norton, trustees.

A meeting for men will be held at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. W. H. Hallenger, of Washington, will deliver an address.

Announcement has been made that Union Thanksgiving services will be held at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on Thanksgiving Day. The Rev. J. R. Sevier, of the Second Presbyterian Church, will preach the sermon.

The bazaar which will be given at the Young People's Building this fall promises to be a successful affair. The committee having the bazaar in charge is as follows: Miss Anna Summers, chairman; Mrs. G. R. Hill, Mrs. P. O. Cocke, Mrs. C. E. Dore, Mrs. R. L. Stultz, Mrs. G. E. Warfield, Mrs. E. Warfield, Jr., Mrs. C. D. Bulla, Mrs. G. W. Keys, Mrs. C. E. Outcalt, Mrs. W. P. Taylor, and Mrs. B. Wheatley.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCoy, of Riverton, to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Margaret J. McCoy, to Frank L. Slaymaker, of this city. The ceremony will take place at the Methodist Church in Riverton, on the 25th of this month.

## GIRL ADMITS THEFTS FOR MAN SHE LOVES

Begs and Steals to Support Him, She Tells Gray-Haired  
Mother Who Followed Her to City to Rescue  
Her From Ruin.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—Elmer E. Cain, a former member of the Wisconsin Legislature, who, it is charged, wrecked the life of Miss Katherine Livingston, of Wauwatosa, Wis., brought her to Chicago, placed her in a cheap hotel, and loafed while she begged and stole to support both, today promised to marry the young woman.

The aged mother of the girl, Mrs. Catherine Livingston, came to Chicago from the little country town where her husband lies dying of tuberculosis to rescue her daughter's life from complete wreck.

She found the police well disposed to ward her, and willing to do anything they could for the unfortunate girl, but an unexpected obstacle arose. Two complainants charged the girl with theft, and demanded prosecution.

So Miss Livingston was taken back to her cell in the Harrison street annex, charged with larceny. The police thought of about fifteen different

charges against Cain, but decided on one of disorderly conduct to hold the man until evidence could be given against him.

The girl confessed, declaring Cain had wrecked her life, and that she begged from people on the street and stole women's handbags in downtown stores to support him. Two of her victims who demanded that she be prosecuted are Miss Ethel Klemp, of Chicago, and Mrs. Elizabeth Whitely, of Joliet.

Cain promised the weeping mother and Miss Livingston that he would marry the girl, and went back to his cell, carefully manicuring his finger nails as he went.

"I committed the thefts to help Cain," sobbed Miss Livingston, as she made her confession. "I know of no reason except that I loved him, and knew he was in need of financial help. All I stole I turned over to him. I even pawned my watch—a present from my mother—and gave him the money."

## CONDEMNNS ALCOHOL IN DISGUISED FORM

Dr. Lauretta Kress, District W. C. T. U. superintendent of Medical temperance, condemned the use of medicines containing large amounts of alcohol, as well as certain drugged fountain drinks, at the monthly meeting of the Le Droit W. C. T. U., held Thursday, at Luther Memorial Church.

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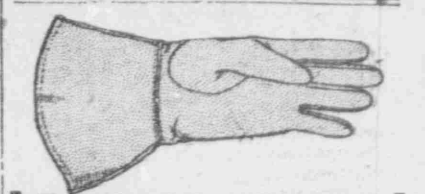
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